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SUBJ: BITS AND PIECES ON JUNE 25-26 ELECTIONS

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1. SUMMARY. ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS IN FULL SWING WITH ALL PARTIES SENDING THEIR HEAVYWEIGHTS INTO THE REGION. THE MAJOR SPOILS ARE TRIESTE CITY HALL, GORIZIA PROVINCIAL HOUSE, AND THE FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA REGIONAL COUNCIL. THE LEONE RESIGNATION WILL HAVE SOME IMPACT (REFTEL) BUT MAJOR CONCERNS STILL APPEAR TO BE TERRORISM, LAW AND ORDER, AND THE PCI ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT MAJORITY, WHICH HAVE PUSHED SOMEWHAT INTO THE BACKGROUND LOCAL CONCERNS ABOUT OSIMO AND EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JUNE 25 AND 26, SOME 967,000 VOTERS (FIGURE OF 700,000 IN EARLIER REPORTS WAS INCOMPLETE) WILL BE CALLED TO THE POLLS  
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TO ELECT THE FRIULI REGIONAL COUNCIL. THERE ARE 61 SEATS AT STAKE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: GORIZIA - 7, PORDENONE - 13, TOL-MEZZO - 5, TRIESTE - 15, AND UDINE - 21.

3. IN 1973, THE MAJOR WINNERS WERE THE DC WITH 26 SEATS, PCI WITH 13, PSI WITH 8, AND THE PSDI WITH 4. THE OTHER TEN WERE DIVIDED AMONG THE PRI, PLI, MSI, FRIULI MOVEMENT AND THE

SLOVENE UNION.

4. ALL PARTIES CONTINUE TO FLOOD THE AREA WITH THEIR MAJOR LEADERS. THE DC HAS ALREADY SENT IN BODRATO, ANSELM, AND STAMMATI. ZACCAGNINI WILL WIND THINGS UP NEXT TUESDAY. THE PCI HAS ALSO SENT IN ITS MAJOR LEADER AND BERLINGUER WILL BE MAKING THREE MAJOR APPEARANCES IN THE REGION.

5. THESE REGIONAL ELECTIONS ARE ALSO TIED TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 29, WHEN 58 REGIONAL DELEGATES (ELECTED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCILS) WILL BE AMONG THE GREAT ELECTORS. THUS, THE JUNE 25 ELECTIONS MAY DETERMINE ALSO WHICH PARTIES WILL BE REPRESENTED BY FRIULI'S THREE DELEGATES TO ROME.

6. COMMENT: TRIESTE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS REMAIN THE BIG QUESTION MARK. ON THE REFERENDUM VOTE ON THE FINANCING OF PARTIES, THE MAJORITY OF TRIESTINI VOTED FOR THE ABROGATION OF THE LAW, AND THERE SEEMS TO BE CONTINUING DETERMINATION BY MANY LOCAL CITIZENS TO PUNISH THE DC FOR OSIMO. FOR THIS REASON, THE LEONE BUSINESS IS PROBABLY NOT GOING TO HELP THE DC IN THEIR EFFORTS TO HANG ON TO CITY HALL. MOEN.

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